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SUBJECT: UAE OIL MINISTER TO VISIT US

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1. DURING MY MARCH 7 MEETING WITH UAE OIL MINISTER
UTAYBA, HE CONFIRMED TO ME HIS PLANS TO VISIT US AT
END OF APRIL AND FIRST WEEK OF MAY. HE IS SCHEDULED
TO PARTICIPATE IN JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
IN NEW YORK OF SHAREHOLDERS OF ABU DHABI PETROLEUM
COMPANY (EXXON AND MOBIL TOGETHER HAVE 0 PERCENT
OF ADPC) ON FRIDAY, APRIL 28. ON WEEKEND OF APRIL 29

AND 30, HE IS TO BE GUEST AT HVOME OF MR. LEON HESS,
CHAIRMAN OF AMERADA HESS, AND ON MAY 3, 4 AND 5, HE
IS TO PARTICIPITE IN A SYMPOSIUM ON PETROLEUM AND
ENERGY ORGANIZED BY THE COUNCIL OF FOREIGN RELATIONS
IN NEW YORK. UTAYBA,WHO WIL BE COMING FROM JAPAN,
EXPECTS TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE
AND MR. ABDULLAH
ISMAIL, UNDER
SECRETARY OF ABU DHABI DEPARTMENT OF
PETROLEUM, AND MRS. ISMAIL. UTAYBA HAS INDICATED
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TO ME HE WOULD WELCOME OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH OFFI-
CIALS IN DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
AND DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY.

2. UTAYBA'S FORTHCOMING VISIT TO WASHINGTON PROVIDES
A VERY GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALR
TO DISCUSS WNTH HIM A NUMBER OF OPEC ISSUES AS WELL AS TO

EXPRESS USG APPRECIATION FOR RESPONSIBLE POSITION WHICH
UAE LEADERSHIP
HAS TAKEN ON OIL PRICES WITHIN OPEC.
THIS WILL BE TAKEN UP DURING VISIT TO WASHINGTON.

IN MAY 1973, HE MET WITH TREASURY SECRETARY SHULTZ,
DEPUTY TREASURY SECRETARY SIMON, AND ACTING SECRETARY
RUSH. IN NOVEMBER 1975, HE MET WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER,
UNDER SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS ROBINSON,
TREASURY SECRETARY SIMON, AND OFFICIALS IN FEA.

3. PERSONAL ATTENTION WHICH UTAYBA RECEIVED DURING
HIS PREVIOUS VISITS TO WASHINGTON HAS BEEN HIGHLY
BENEFICIAL IN OUR DIALOGUE WITH UAE LEADERSHIP ON
ENERGY QUESTIONS AND I WOULD HOPE THAT SPECIAL EFFORT
CAN BE MADE AGAIN FOR HIM MEET WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS.
IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, A HALF HOUR MEETING WITH
SECRETARY WOULD BE HIGHLY DESIRABLE WITH
SEPARATE MEETINGS WITH ENERGY SECRETARY SCHLESINGER
AND TREASURY SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL. IT WOULD ALSO
BE DESIRABLE IF UNDER SECRETARY COOPER COULD HOST
A LUNCH FOR UTAYBA TO REPAY THE HOSPITALITY RECEIVED
BY USG OFFICIALS WHO VISIT UAE. HE WOULD ALSO WELCOME
A BRIEFING ON THE STATUS OF US ENERGY LEGISLATION AND
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FUTURE TRENDS IN WORLD PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION OF
OIL WHICH DEPUTY ENERGY SECRETARY O'LEARY PRESENTS
SO WELL AND COGENTLY.

4. I WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
A TENTATIVE SCHEDULE WHICH I COULD PASS ON TO MINISTER
UTAYBA. HE HAS TOLD ME THAT THERE IS STILL SOME FLEXI-
BILITY IN HIS SCHEDULING FOR ADPC JOINT MANAGEMENT
COMMITTEE IN THAT WOULD FACILITATE MAKING APPOINTMENTS
AND
IF HE KNEW WELL ENOUGH AHEAD OF TIME. IDEAL TIME
FOR APPOINTMENTS, OF COURSE, WOULD BE ON MONDAY,
MAY 1 AND TUESDAY, MAY 2.
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